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NO STRIPPERS. In Saigon there are at this writing five officers' clubs and seven clubs for noncommissioned officers. Until April 15 the Navy ran the clubs, booked into them so-called "exotic dancers" and "strippers." Then the Army took over.

Since then the entertainers have become more conservative, consist for the most part of Koreans, Filipinos, Europeans and an occasional American girl singer. One of the most popular American vocalists in Saigon is Mary Lou Lions, a blonde whose husband flies for the CIA airline, Air America. Most of the clubs pay \$100 to \$150 a performance, have money to spare, but try to hold acts to \$250 and under. There are 13 Vietnamese bands which play the clubs, but only four have musicians who can read music. The Vietnamese girl singers generally don't know what they're singing about, learn the lyrics phonetically by playing American recordings over and over again.

Entertainment outside Saigon is more difficult to come by. In An Khe, for example, the 20,000 GI's of the 1st Air Cavalry Division used to be entertained at An Khe Plaza, a 25-acre compound of bars and brothels known as "boum-boum parlors." But the Plaza, also called Disneyland by the GI's, has been declared off-limits. In addition to American female vocalists, there's a strong demand for country and western acts.